

In the Claims:

- 1-2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The system board of claim 13, wherein said ports are substantially functionally identical.
4. (Original) The system board of claim 3, wherein said ports are USB ports.
- 5-6. (Canceled)
7. (Original) The system board of claim 13, further comprising a peripheral device operationally connected to said inward-facing port.
8. (Original) A host device comprising the system board of claim 13.
9. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is a computer.
10. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is one of the group consisting of a network router, a TV set top box and a mobile device.
- 11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A system board comprising a connector that includes:

- (a) a first port ~~facing outward~~ situated at an exterior edge of the system board and facing outward from said exterior edge; and
- (b) a second port, facing inward to an interior of the system board.

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